

Assembly Bill No. 1097

CHAPTER 52

An act to amend Section 11123 of the Government Code, relating to meetings.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1097, Committee on Governmental Organization. Open meetings.

Under existing law, the meetings of a state body are required to be open and public. Existing law authorizes a state body to hold an open or closed meeting by teleconference as defined and repeals that authority on January 1, 1998.

This bill would delete that repeal date.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 11123 of the Government Code is amended to read:

11123. (a) All meetings of a state body shall be open and public and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of a state body except as otherwise provided in this article.

(b) (1) Nothing in this article shall be construed to prohibit a state body from holding an open or closed meeting by teleconference if the convening at one location of a quorum of the state body is difficult or impossible, subject to all of the following:

(A) The teleconferencing meeting shall comply with all requirements of this article applicable to other meetings.

(B) The portion of the teleconferenced meeting that is required to be open to the public shall be audible to the public at the location specified in the notice of the meeting.

(C) Each teleconference location shall be identified in the notice of the meeting and shall be accessible to the public.

(D) All votes taken during a teleconferenced meeting shall be by rollcall.

(E) The portion of the teleconferenced meeting that is closed to the public may not include the consideration of any agenda item being heard pursuant to Section 11125.5 of the Government Code.

(F) At least one member of the state body shall be physically present at the location specified in the notice of the meeting.

(2) For the purposes of this subdivision, “teleconference” means a conference of individuals in different locations, connected by electronic means, through either audio or video, or both.

